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Virginia City Nevada Dec 27/72
Dear Andrew

Yours of the 19th inst.
came duly to hand. I thank
you most sincerely for your
kind wishes. I left the Sutro
Tunnell a week ago last Thurs-
day & have a prospect of more
work but it is small jobs
perhaps enough for current ex-
penses. I am very sorry to think
that you entrusted the job of
sending for Brother Will to
W. Manuel for the result just
answers my expectations. I do not
mean to blame any person about
it. It is very expensive living here.
I have 10 shares of Caledonia stock
worth \$26 per share & 10 shares of Exchequer
worth \$18 per share & 25 shares of Julia
worth \$5 per share, making \$555
at present figures – all of which will

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go high in spring. I sent you by
Sister Becca's word that I authorized
you to pay Brother Will \$25 out of
my money and I would like to
have you send me by money
order on this Virginia City Nevada
Post Office which is a money
order office all the money that
is coming to me that you have
deposited in the Montreal District
Savings Bank. That is to say
to have it exchanged in American

Current money & sent me as I
am very much afraid that I
will need it before spring less
the above \$25 and \$19 donated to
Becca Hattie and Chattie & little Dolly
& Fred as I will need it to carry
me through until Spring. I intend
shifting my quarters next spring.
Any thing more that can be done
for brother Will I shall be glad
to assist in, but I must say that

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I have not been as fortunate as
I was last year & if Brother
Will chooses to write to me I shall
be glad to assist him. Winter has
just set in and I have a job
on hand waiting for the weather
to settle, as it has been raining
since last Monday night &
snowing also. We had a most
delightful fall for work indeed
the mills on the Carson River were
all shut down for want of water,
now we have an abundance
of water we have had terrific
winds blowing down and [carrying?]
of[f?] houses & stove pipes without
enumeration. The whole Pacific
Coast in fact has had more or
less of the Tornado. business
will be dull for a while in the
carpenter line but we will
have to weather it through
for a while. There has been

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for Lumber of every description
by far in excess of the supply.
The completion of the Virginia and
Truckee R.R brings in direct com-
munication by Railway with
all points east & west. As far as
the miners are concerned the yield
is about equal to the capacity
of mills for crushing & separating.
Still prospecting is going forward
with increased vigor. Please to
give my kindest regards to all
and I would request that sister
Hattie write me from Sarnia.

I remain

yours most affectionately,

JD Dewitt

To Andrew Jack, Esquire
Montreal, Canada

Virginia City Nevada Dec 27/72

E.H. OWEN

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Miss Becca word that I authorized
you to pay Brother Will \$5 out of
my money and I would like to
have you send me by money
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J. H. Powell

P. O. Andrew Jack Springs

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Canada